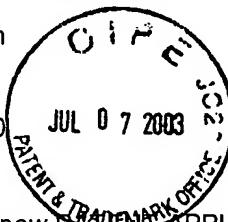


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**  
**WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

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This is a request for filing a new **PATENT APPLICATION** under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**ISOPENICILLIN N SYNTHETASE AND DEACETOXYCEPHALOSPORIN C SYNTHETASE ENZYMES AND METHOD**  
 without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract

131 pages of specification and claims (including 15 numbered claims), and  
 0 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Day/Month/Year Filed</b>
9621486.1	GB	15/October/1996
PCT/GB97/02838		15/October/1997

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. PCT/GB97/02838 filed 15 October 1997

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/284,640, filed May 19, 1999, pending, which is a 371 U.S. national phase of PCT/GB97/02838, filed 15 October 1997, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to ISIS INNOVATION LIMITED.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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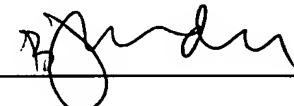
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